



Proclamation
Presented to
Ernest Kaleihōkū Kā'ai
HAWAIIAN MUSIC HALL OF FAME
◆ 2011 INDUCTEE ◆

WHEREAS, Ernest Kaleihōkū Kā'ai, who lived from 1881-1941, was a gifted performer, and the first Hawaiian 'ukelele virtuoso who made appearances all over the world and was known as the "Father of 'Ukelele"; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Kaleihōkū Kā'ai, arguably one of the most influential musical figures in Hawai'i in the first quarter of the 20th century, was a gifted performer on many instruments including the mandolin, guitar and 'ukelele; a talented impresario, teacher, publisher, and recording artist; said to have been the first musician to play a complete melody with chords; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Kaleihōkū Kā'ai was known for writing the 'ukelele method book, "**The 'Ukelele: A Hawaiian Guitar and How to Play It**," which was published in 1906 by Wall, Nichols Company of Honolulu, with a revised edition published in 1910, and also was the author of "**The History of Hawaiian Music**"; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Kaleihōkū Kā'ai was best known for his compositions including "**Across the Sea**" and "**Pu'uwa'awa'a**"; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Kaleihōkū Kā'ai was an entrepreneur who organized ensembles, composed and published music and ran the Kā'ai 'Ukulele Manufacturing Company; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Kaleihōkū Kā'ai was undoubtedly the foremost 'ukelele authority of his time; a man of many "first" in Hawai'i, including first Hawaiian music publisher; first to form a dance orchestra; first to write a manual for 'ukelele; and first to tour of Australia; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Kaleihōkū Kā'ai will be inducted into the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame on May 1, 2011;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and **I, BRIAN SCHATZ**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2011, as

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in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us and the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame in recognizing him for his contributions to Hawaiian Music and the history of culture & arts in Hawai'i.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-sixth day of April, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i